









Fall is in the air!



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Special points of interest:

- Important information inside on the Lorain County Policing district, Issue #40.
- Special meeting will be held on September 24th at our Township Hall to explain Issue #40 to our residents.
- New Township hall planned.

Improvements to our Township

Garfield Road

Recently Garfield Road was resurfaced with base repair from Pyle South Amherst Road to the West Township line.

The project was done with the assistance of Small Government funding from the State of Ohio.

Total cost of the project was \$327,300.00 50% of which was covered by the small government funds.

Erie Blacktop was the contractor.



Restroom added to the Nature Preserve



Pavilion #3 now has a new restroom. Due to the volume of people renting and using the pavilions and sports courts it was necessary to install this facility.

As a reminder we have three pavilions that are available to rent.

Please contact the office 775-7782 and talk with Edie or Randi about renting.







This additional restroom will help facilitate the number of people using Pavilion # 3 and the game courts.





New Township Hall planned

Plans for a new Township hall are in the works. Recently the Township received an EPA permit to allow us to build a new hall on the same site as the existing and increase the capacity to 500 people. The existing complex will still house the Sheriff's office and our maintenance facility.

The new hall will sit to the West of the existing and will be designed to have two events going on at the same time.

Over the years we have noticed the need to have the ability to have more than one event and also the ability to increase capacity for larger events. The new hall will satisfy both of these needs.

As planning goes forward look for more updates in this newsletter..



Proposed location of new hall to be located just to the west of our complex at 46268 Butternut Ridge Road.





Butternut Ridge, Hamilton Street east and west, and Parsons Road

As a safety precaution the above roads will be painted with center lines and edge lines. This is normal maintenance which is done about every 5 years or so.



Lorain County Joint Police District ISSUE #40



This fall, **Issue #40** is on the November ballot as a 1.25 mill levy for the Lorain County Joint Police District. Since this is a completely new concept for township residents, it is important that our citizens understand what this entity is and how this levy will impact the township. Below is a summary of how the District was formed and how it will operate. Residents are strongly urged to become informed about this issue.

What is the problem?

No deputies dedicated exclusively to townships.

350 + square mile area policed in townships

56,000 + township residents need protection

Reduction of Sheriff Deputies results in:

- Increased response times
- Increased crime rates
- Increased danger to Deputies
- Increased danger to Community members and property

What have we done about it?

The Lorain County Township Association evaluated the problem of inadequate police protection for the Lorain County townships. The Association determined that a single Joint Police District would be the most cost effective option. Sixteen townships joined the police district.

How Much Will It Cost?

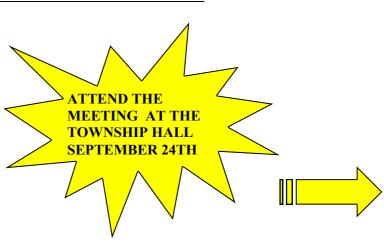
A 1.25-mil, 5-year levy for the 16 participating townships would raise an estimated \$1.3 million annually and cost approximately \$39 annually, or \$3.25/month, per \$100,000 in property market value. Through a contract with the Sheriff, this money would pay for the salary, equipment, vehicles and 10 deputies. These deputies would be strictly for Township policing.

What Will a Joint Police District Accomplish?

Faster response times Safety and crime prevention for Township residents and business

10 additional officers patrolling townships

Increased safety for Deputies









Local Issues on the November 6th ballot

Issue #40 Lorain County Joint Police District, 1.25 mills, 5 years
Issue #41 Lorain County JVS, .75 mills renewal for expenses, 5 years
Issue #44 Oberlin Schools, .75 mills income tax renewal, 5 years
Issue #45 Oberlin Schools, 1.3 mills education technology renewal, 5 years

NOTICE - NOTICE

A PUBLIC MEETING ON THE POLICING DISTRICT WILL BE HELD AT THE NEW RUSSIA TOWNSHIP HALL 46268 BUTTERNUT RIDGE MONDAY SEPTEMBER 24TH AT 7:00 PM

ALL RESIDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND







NO it's not a Halloween costume! Our own Trustee, Patti Brubaker tried on a Lorain County Sheriff bomb squad suit at the fair this year!





Yes it's the Goodyear blimp visiting the L.C. Airport!









Summer has come and gone way to fast and now the long winter approaches quickly. Why not join Splash Zone? You can swim, exercise, walk on the track, shoot some hoops, etc. all within a few minutes of your home and it's affordable!

Hopefully by reading this newsletter you can see the Township added quite a few improvements and more are on the way. Check out the Nature Preserve and Park with it's paved walking trail, beautiful lake, new restroom, great pavilions, and a playground for the kids.

With winter brings snow which brings out the snow plows. I hate to talk about it! So please be courteous to our drivers as we strive to keep the Township roads clear of ice and snow.

Have a safe winter, Fred Swanson, Director of Operations

EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO EXERCISE! SPLASH ZONE MEMBERSHIPS ARE DISCOUNTED FOR TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS.....IT'S A LONG WINTER GET A MEMBERSHIP!





Oct. 12,13, &14

Hours will be 8 AM to 4:30 pm Please tarp your loads..no garbage

Nature Preserve & Park Picnic Shelters

By Edie Taylor

The picnic shelters at the Township Nature Preserve have been very busy this summer. With the completion of the largest shelter #3 (cap. 125) by the tennis courts, graduations; family reunions and birthday parties are being enjoyed. There is electricity; a water fountain; charcoal grills and just this past week, the addition of a handicap accessible restroom.

Our #1 Shelter by the playground is very popular for birthday parties for the children. It also has a water fountain; electricity and charcoal grills and is handicap accessible.

The #2 Shelter has a water fountain; electricity and charcoal grills and is close to the riding arena and the lake. You may have noticed the 4H groups having their horse shows there on Sundays.

Our paved walking trails are a big hit with residents of the township and the city. The wildflowers and bluebirds have been an interesting addition along the trails. The lake has been a great source of entertainment this season. We've watched and spoken to some of the fishermen/women. Some days the fish are biting better than others. One little girl fishing with her grandma told me that "the fish ain't bitin' today!"

To rent a particular pavilion for next summer call the New Russia Township Administration Office at 440-775-7782.



Residential <u>large</u> item curb side pick up

Republic Services will pick up at curb side large items on your 1st regular pickup day of the month.

No car parts, batteries, liquids, tires are allowed. Carpet if rolled and cut into 4 foot lengths.





Last Township <u>limb</u> chipping of the Year!

OCTOBER 3RD

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO SCHEDULE

EDIE OR RANDI @ 775-7782

NO BRIARS OR TREES OVER 5" IN DIAMETER

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